

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPLORATION OF OIL IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION .
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the exploration work for hydrocarbons have been carried out in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura States of North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the outcome in each State;
- (c) whether full scale exploration and production of hydrocarbons would be carried out; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) & (b): Exploration work for hydrocarbons has been carried out by the two National Oil Companies (NOCs) viz. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL), in the North-Eastern Region. Based on the exploratory efforts as on 1.4.2000 ONGC has established 633.89 MMT and 41.28 MMT of in-place hydrocarbons in the States of Assam and Tripura, respectively. Similarly, OIL had established 774.22 MMT and 39.83 MMT of in-place hydrocarbons, as on 1.4.2000, in the States of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, respectively.

(c)&(d) : As far as the two NOCs are concerned exploration and production operations have been carried out as per the IX Plan projections. The details of seismic surveys, exploratory drilling and production of crude oil during the last three years, i.e. April 1997 to March, 2000, by the NOCs are given below:

Item		Achievement during 1.4.1997 to 31.3.2000	
	ONGC		OIL
Seismic			
2D		2055 GLK	1203.82 GLK
3D		5038 GLK	500.01 Sq. Km.
No.of exploratory wells		60 Nos.	29 Nos.
Wells			
Crude oil production		5.602 MMT	9.671 MMT

So far as Private/JV operators are concerned, contracts have been signed for three blocks in North-Eastern States, viz. AAP-ON-94/1 (Assam and Arunachal Pradesh), CR-ON-90/1 (Assam & Mizoram) and AA-ON/7 (Assam & Nagaland). Exploration work has just commenced in the block AAP-ON-94/1, while in the other two blocks, the exploration work is yet to start.